IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
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v.	:	**Case No. 7:16-CR-1 (1) (EKD)**
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WILLIAM AUTHOR MORGAN, JR.	:	

SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

COMES NOW the United States of America, by counsel, having considered the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a), and recommends that William Author Morgan, Jr. be sentenced to a term of incarceration of 87 months. This would be a sentence at the low end of his sentencing guidelines range. In support of its recommendation, the United States says as follows:

1. Mr. Morgan has no criminal history. On the other hand, he has had only irregular employment over time, perhaps because of what is described as a learning disability. He seems to have lived a fairly routine life until he got into the business of selling methamphetamine. His lack of criminal history is already reflected in the fact that he is being treated under the safety valve provisions of the sentencing guidelines. This is a huge benefit for Mr. Morgan. Unfortunately, Mr. Morgan is a lifelong user of marijuana. Overall, his history and characteristics are mostly positive, and benefit him when an appropriate sentence is considered.
2. Mr. Morgan sold a large amount of methamphetamine, and did so over a long period of time. He was receiving pounds of methamphetamine on a routine basis, which he then further distributed. The total drug weight attributable to him is well within the agreed 5-15 kilogram range. All told, the nature of his criminal activity suggests a much harsher

sentence should be imposed to deter others from this sort of activity, to reflect the seriousness of the offense, and to protect the community. The fact that Mr. Moran was involved in this illegal activity for such a relatively long period of time suggests that a harsher sentence should also be imposed to promote respect for the law.

3. There is nothing to indicate that Mr. Morgan used violence or firearms in support of his activities, nor did he attempt to obstruct justice. However, the United State is not aware of anything that would suggest that he receive any downward variance or departure from the computed Guidelines range. Because of this, the United States is comfortable recommending a sentence at the low end of his computed guidelines range.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, the United States recommends that William Author Morgan, Jr. should be sentenced to a term of incarceration of 87 months. This is a term of incarceration that would provide just punishment for his actions, well serving the purposes set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 20, 2016, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the parties or attorneys of record.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
BY: /s/ DH